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Editorial Comment

LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Commencement time frequently is given over to reviewing the plain and basic attributes of character likely to point to successful living. The moment of sending young men and young women out into the world to shape their careers is an ideal one to ponder fundementals.

The "American Way of Life" is based upon our concept of freedom of opportunity for the individual. There are many other "ways of life" in the world, but regardless of the fancy name given to them, they, in practice, tend to make the individual a servant of the group or state. The fact that a system of government based on such a concept is caused by fear of losing national identity unless the state is "strong," does not make life under such a system desirable, and any strength built upon force is not enduring.

Let us take renewed pride that America is a "land of opportunity." Let us keep it that way. Such is a charge to the younger generation.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

COURSE AND VULGAR BOOKS

(The Roanoke Times)

Disturbed over "unnecessary frankness, courseness and vulgarity in present-day literature, 19 Massachussets booksellers and 26 librarians have written to the American Book Publishers' Council, urging publishing houses to "exercise self restraint," lest "stringent legal censorship" be imposed.

Those joining in the appeal to the Council express the belief that legal censorship of literature "is usually futile" and that "in the long run the only satisfactory and effective regulation of literature results from education and public opinion." However, they insist that "decency and good taste are important," a point which is very well taken thohgh apparantly sometimes overlooked by the publishing houses in passing upon manuscripts submitted for their consideration.

Whether anything will come of the protest of this group of booksellers and librarians remains to be seen. Frankly, we are not as optimistic as we should like to be. A practical method of giving expression to their disapproval of much that nowadays passes for literature might be to refuse to handle such trash and to seek to induce other booksellers and librarians to do likewise. If enough of them joined in refusing to give such books space on their shelves, something might be accomplished.

A PRAYER

(Winchester Star)

Worth reprinting here, it seems to us, is the following prayer offered by the Chaplain of the United States Senate, Reverend Peter Marshall, D. D.:

Forgive us, O God, that in this land so richly blessed by Thee, we, Thy People, have been wasteful. We have wasted the treasures of the earth, stolen the virtues of the soil, in failing to restore after we have received. But we have been wasteful of ourselves. We have wasted our strength in enterprises not inspired of Thee. We have wasted our talents in unworthy causes, wasted our love in loving the unlovely. We have wasted our money for that which satisfieth not. We have wasted our time in activities that profited nothing. Forgive us all wherein we have been prodigal, and, like the younger son, help us to come to ourselves, that we may come to Thee, to be forgiven and restored.

This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEYOND THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE

(The New York Times)

Looking eastward or westward from a Kansas wheatfield today an American might thing himself in the best of possible worlds. Our crops promise to be abundant. Most of the employable are at work. Prices are high, but so are wages. If the stock market is nervous the general population is not. Domestically, we are getting over the worst effects of the war. The trouble is that we are in the midst of a world which is not getting over the war.

Under - Secretary of State Acheson summarized the situation in a recent speech. We are producing at an annual rate of about $210,000,000,000. We are exporting at an annual rate of $16,000,000,000. We are importing at an annual rate of $8,000,000,000. There is no other great nation with great surpluses. Most nations, large and small, outside this hemisphere have deficits—of food, of farming equipment and supplies, of industrial equipment, of the basic necessities of life. In most of them, and especially in those ravaged by war, recovery and reconstruction are not taking place.

We have attacked this vast crisis with a relief grant of $350,000,000 in loans, part relief and part military, to Greece and Turkey; aid to occupied territories in Austria, Germany, Japan and Korea. But neither relief nor loans can bridge the gap between exports of $16,000,000,000 and imports of $8,000,000,000. Secretary of State Marshall has made it clear that no more relief authorizations will be asked from this session of Congress. His advisors are trying to work out a long-range international economic policy.

The Truman Doctrine, as stated on March 12, has not been altered. What has happened is that we now see it against a vast background of human need. We are no more inclined than we were then to let Communism rush into areas where distress and despair have created vacuums. But most of us—more of us, at any rate—have come to realize that if the vacuums can be filled communism cannot spread.

Since we cannot go on giving or lending $8,000,000,000 a year, and since to do so would merely postpone the inevitable crisis, it now becomes our responsibility to play a positive part in restoring productivity and promoting mutually beneficial trade throughout the world. This means, among other things, that we must work as hard to stimulate imports into the United States as we do to provide exports. If we made conditions as we make loans they must be such as will set trade free, not freeze it.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

Silhouettes in the Dark

Comes a Saturday night when you don't have a date and you haven't even got a good book to stay home with. Here's something to do before you take the Big Sleep. You find some clear film negatives and you draw old - fashioned silhouette designs on them with india ink. Then you cover the painted side with gold or silver paper, and then, next to that you paste cardboard backing, cut to fit. Scotch tape or black adhesive should be used all around the edges to keep the three separate thicknesses together. Attach a loop on the back and tack to your walls in sets. They help to give that "George Washington Slept Here" look to early American maple furniture and chintz draperies.

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The Hollywood Influence

High school parties are getting to be super-colossal productions in the Hollywood manner, judging from the reports in the high school newspapers that we read by the hundreds. If you're on the entertainment committee for the next hop, these teen-tested ideas rate you a vote of thanks—and a bid.

Superstition Hop—Plan your next party for the next Friday the 13th that you can find on your calendar. Guests enter under a ladder; there are open umbrellas hanging all around and stuffed or painted black cats at every turn. Hostesses, dressed like imps, are all over the place, sprinkling salt on your shoulder, throwing pins on the floor in front of you and handing out matches on which the number "3" is written. Theme song of the evening could be "If I'm Lucky." It's even more fun when everyone has to come wearing his or her clothes backwards.

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TRIXIE TEEN SAYS

You forget your books, you forget your gym shoes, you forget your lunch money, you forget your rubbers, you forget your fountain pen. The only thing you consistently remember is to borrow from others—and then you have another lapse of memory when it comes to returning. Keep it up and you'll find that other people will take their cue from you. When it comes to planning parties and dates, the girl who's always forgetting is the girl most likely to be forgotten.

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Lesson for June 1

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FACING NATIONAL PERILS

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 19:5-7, 32-37; 20:12-17.

MEMORY SELECTION—For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—Isaiah 30:15.

Perilous times had come upon the southern part of the divided kingdom known as Judah. There had been a period of outward prosperity under King Uzziah, but the inward decay of the people made it an empty thing.

Judah, like Israel, was on the downward path which was to lead to ultimate captivity and judgment. The occasional reign of good kings seemed to stem the tide a bit; in fact, the great king of whom we study today, Hezekiah, gave Judah a "fresh lease on life and enabled her to outlive her sister kingdom by nearly a century and a half."

Judah experienced a real revival of faith in God under Hezekiah (II Kings 18:4-6; II Chron. 29:31). The temple was cleansed, the priesthood renewed and reconsecrated, and the great feast of the Passover kept once more. This undoubtedly explains the new life which came to Judah in an hour when the nation seemed about to disintegrate.

I. The Enemy's Threat (19:5, 6).

For the background here one must read the previous chapter. Hezekiah, having tried to throw off the yoke of Assyria, had seen Sennacherib and his armies sweep over the land. Thinking to stop him and to save Jerusalem, he sent a great gift amounting in value to millions of dollars. The gift was accepted, and then Sennacherib treacherously seiged Jerusalem.

Rabshakeh, Sennacherib's messenger to Hezekiah, not only threatened the nation, but blasphemously denied the power of God. Such was the awful situation Hezekiah faced as he went to the temple, and sent trusted servants to inquire of Isaiah what he ought to do.

The response was prompt and definite. We may learn from this incident that in an hour of confusion and danger it is well to take time to find out what the Lord has to say about things. He knows what to do!

II. The Lord's Answer (19:7, 32-37).

God has only to blow on the mighty, blustering monarchs of this world and they come to their end, definitely and conclusively. The "blast" of the Lord (v. 7) is enough to care for that! And remember, he is still ready to act on behalf of his people!

On the plains of Philistia the mighty host of Assyria met the angel of the Lord, and they never awoke from their sleep. The loss of 185,000 men sent Sennacherib home to Nineveh broken and fearful, and there he met his own violent death.

How much we need the encouragement of such an event as this in our own day when the mighty of this earth seem to speak so boldly and confidently against the name of the Lord. His children must often hear the blasphemous threats of unbelievers and bear the burden of their scorn.

Let us remember that we do serve a God who can with a glance of his eyes throw into confusion all the enemies of his mighty name. Let us be strong to fight the victorious battle in his name!

Hezekiah knew the sweetness of victory as he trusted in the Lord. If we could only rest the matter there. But the weakness of the flesh comes to the fore as we see

III. The King's Folly (20:12-17).

Babylon, one of the great Gentile enemies of Assyria, wanted to cultivate the friendship of Hezekiah, so an embassy was sent to express joy at his recovery from a serious illness.

It was the Lord who had healed him (see 20:1-11) in a miraculous way, but now Hezekiah did the foolish thing of trying to cultivate the help of men.

To impress these possible allies from Babylon, he showed them all his wealth. He evidently wanted them to return to their ruler with a story of the might and glory of Judah.

Poor Hezekiah! He only made a fool of himself, prepared the way for the ultimate taking of his possessions and his people by the Babylonians.

The lesson to be learned here is not only that boasting is folly (although that is always true), but also that it is the height of folly to put one's trust in the arm of flesh.

No matter how mighty the forces of this world may be, or how wonderful it might seem to have their favor toward the cause of the church, let us be clear that it is in God that we have our strength—and in him alone.

The church (and individual Christians too) has lost its testimony and its power in the community whenever and wherever it has turned to the world for help or support. Remember the folly of Hezekiah.

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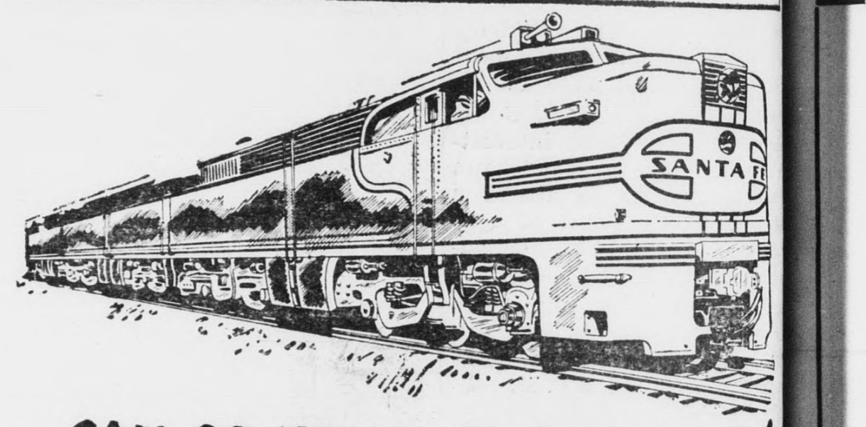

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The P.-T. A. of the Evergreen community met May 22, at the school. This was the final meeting until fall. The program was based on "Plans for our next year's P.-T. A." Mrs. Henry Staples gave a talk on the lunch room for 1947-48. Several patrons in different sections of the community were appointed to help with the summer canning for the school.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Earle Harris. Mrs. Julian White and Mrs. George Farrar, accompanied by the guitar.

The next meeting will be held in September.

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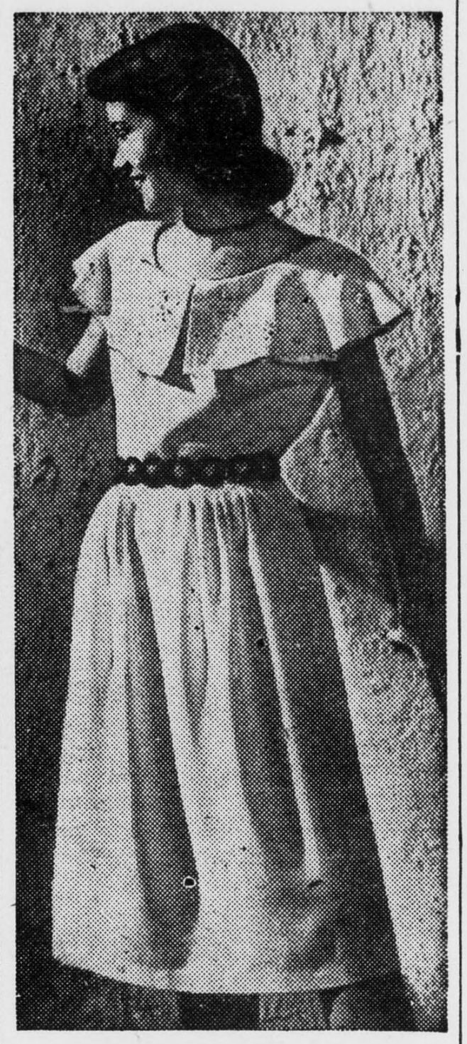
For Teen Parties



A popular design with teen-agers is this party dress in raylaine flannel in soft pastel shade. Gold stars shine from the capelet collar. The bateau neckline and softly gathered skirt compliment young figures.

Death penalty is abolished by the Russian government.

Price index showed a slight decline during April.

Hoover urges a separate peace with Japan.

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1945--1946

RECEIPTS

STATE RECEIPTS:	
(FROM STATE FUNDS)	
General Appropriation	$68,250.00
Rural Supervision	2,480.00
Vocational (Local) Education	10,962.46
Special Education Supplies	100.00
Vocational Building and Equipment	738.88
Other State Funds (Salary of Librarian)	293.31
Transportation	5,133.86
TOTAL STATE RECEIPTS	$87,958.51
FROM COUNTY FUNDS:	
County Levies	48,239.17
Appropriation from Board of Supervisors	10,382.68
Delinquent Taxes	1,650.83
Balance on hand—July 1, 1945	10,948.92
TOTAL COUNTY FUNDS	$71,221.60
FROM OTHER FUNDS:	
Sale of Supplies: and equipment	91.00
Tuition from Other Divisions	934.00
Rents, Rebates, Refunds	458.45
Reimbursement from State & Govt. for Lunchrooms	2,502.00
Fire Insurance Adjustments	794.08
Donations for School Libraries from patrons and schools	191.94
Other Donations	1,432.57
Gas Tax Refund	656.05
TOTAL FROM OTHER FUNDS	$ 7,060.09
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS	$166,240.20

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:	
Per diem and expenses of School Board Members	$ 536.16
Compensation of Clerk	1,065.00
Compensation of Secretary	480.00
Postage and stamped envelopes	209.24
Office supplies, new equipment and repairs to equipment	290.28
Telephone, Telegraph, Freight & Drayage	75.07
Local Traveling expenses	250.00
Compensation of Superintendent from School Board	810.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	$ 3,715.75
INSTRUCTION:	
Regular Day School	$ 91,602.86
Special Vocational Instruction	3,919.97
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	$ 95,522.83
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS:	
Travel of Vocational Teachers	$ 1,142.25
Tuition Paid Other Divisions	224.00
General Supplies	35.22
Libraries	672.15
Agric. Shop Supplies	84.88
Home Economics Supplies	200.59
Textbooks Furnished Free	74.17
Other Instructional Costs	386.14
Total Other Instructional Costs	$ 2,842.40
COORDINATE ACTIVITIES:	450.00
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:	
Other Auxiliary Agencies	$ 327.64
Cafeterias (Lunchrooms)	2,966.16
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	$ 3,293.80
TRANSPORTATION:	
Transportation by Contract	$15,379.46
Bus Drivers' Salaries	3,232.30
Repairs, Parts, Gas, Oil and Grease	7,594.03
Insurance (Libality and fire)	1,244.73
Other Transportation Costs	354.46
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	$ 27,804.98
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANTS:	
Wages for Janitors for schools	$2,323.70
Lights, Water, Fuel and Electric Current	4,931.81
Janitors' Supplies	534.96
Telephone Service for all buildings	68.48
TOTAL OPERATION	$ 7,858.95
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANTS: (Upkeep of buildings and grounds, repairs and replacement of furniture and fixtures	$ 6,501.84
FIXED CHARGES:	$ 1,918.83
CAPITAL OUTLAY: (New school busses, new equipment and buildings)	$ 4,238.41
DEBT SERVICE: Payment of Literary Loans and interest on same	$ 4,670.50
BALANCE ON HAND on 6-30-46:	$ 7,421.91
GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES	$ 166,240.20

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Tye Cobb Drinkard stuck a nail in his foot last week, but is doing nicely, under doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and children, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and children and Mrs. Anna Lee.

Miss Martha Thornhill, of Bedford City, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, Mrs. C. T. Drinkard and two sons, Clayton, Jr. and Tye, and Miss Anne Cabell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings were called to Richmond last week on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. D. A. Christian. We extend deepest sympathy to her loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Chick, of Spout Spring, visited his brother, Erwin Chick, and wife, last Friday evening.

Mrs. Carsie Brown, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

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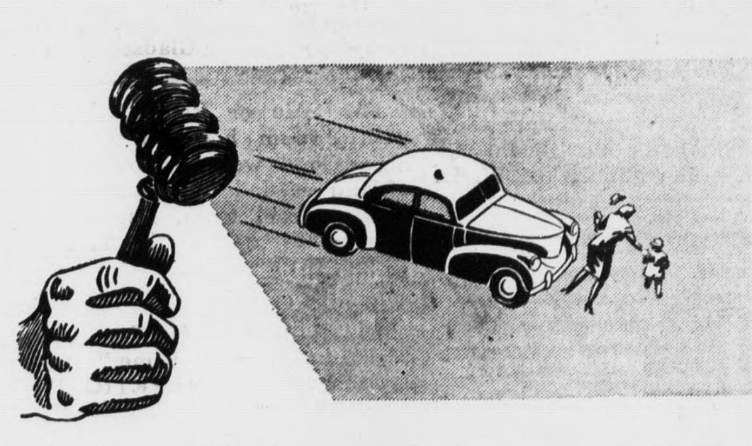

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